

Commander Marc A. Stern

Commanding Officer, USS Topeka (SSN 754)

Commander Marc Stern, a native of Sunnyvale, California, attended the University of California, Berkeley and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations in 1989. Upon commissioning, he attended Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida, Nuclear Prototype Training in Windsor, Connecticut, and the Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton, Connecticut.

CDR Stern reported to USS GURNARD (SSN 642) in January 1991 and served in various Division Officer assignments. During that time, the ship completed two Western Pacific deployments.

CDR Stern then served from November, 1993 to November 1995 as the Staff Submarine Officer for the Commander in Chief, Iberian-Peninsula Atlantic in Lisbon, Portugal. He was then assigned as Engineer Officer on USS GATO (SSN 615) from November 1995 to April 1996 and then decommissioned USS PUFFER (SSN 652) from April 1996 to July 1996 and USS SUNFISH (SSN 649) from July 1996 to March 1996.

Following graduation from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in September 1997, CDR Stern reported to USS WYOMING (SSBN 742) (GOLD) for duty as Navigation/Operations Officer, where he completed four strategic deterrent patrols, including one to the Mediterranean. In March 2002, he went on to serve as the Operations Officer for Submarine Squadron TWENTY, during which time he completed a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Breneau University.

Following Prospective Executive Officer training, his next assignment was as Executive Officer on USS HAMPTON (SSN 767) from May 2002 to March 2004. During that tour the ship completed a Mediterranean deployment. CDR Stern then served as Executive Officer on the COMSUBLANT Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team from March 2004 to March 2005.

Following completion of Prospective Commanding Officer training, CDR Stern reported to assignment in September 2005 as the COMSUBRON 11 Deputy Commander for Readiness, **.

He then reported to his current assignment as commanding officer of USS TOPEKA (SSN 754) in April 2007.

CDR Stern's awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (five awards) and various unit awards.